Facilities to NCC Personnel

1255: SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise/State-wise details of NCC units functioning in the country, at present;

(b) the number of retired persons belonging to Army/Air-Force/Navy inducted in the existing NCC units during the last three years till date;

(c) the basic facilities/amenities being provided to the NCC staff by Government; and

(d) the specific reasons for not providing the amenities to NCC personnel at par with Army personnel in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) As per Annexure attached [*See Appendix* 179, *Annexure No.* 25]

(b) 25 retired Army/Navy/Air Force personnel (13 officers and 12 JCOs and ORs) inducted during the last three years till date, to man Defence and Civil posts in NCC.

(c) All basic facilities/amenities as are normally admissible to the Central Government employees are also being provided to NCC staff by the Government.

(d) NCC Civilian Central Government employees are governed by different set of rules vis-a-vis the Army personnel. Hence, the facilities provided to NCC staff are different from those provided to the Army personnel.

Attack on Indian High Commission Staff in Pakistan

1256. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA:
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:
PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an official of Indian High Commission and his wife in Islamabad were brutally assaulted at their home by Pakistani police/army personnel in the last week of October, 1996; if so, the details of the incident;

(b) the outcome of the protest if any lodged by the Government of India with Government of Pakistan;

(c) whether Government propose to review its foreign policy vis-a-vis Pakistan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (d) On the morning of 26th October, 1996, about 10 Pakistani intelligence operative broke into the residence of Shri A.K. Wahi, a staff member of our Mission in Islamabad. They forcibly dragged him to a car outside the house and abducted him. While doing so, they seriously injured Smt. Wahi who was hospitalised after the incident.

An immediate protest was lodged through diplomatic channels with the Pakistani authorities and Shri Wahi's safe return was demanded. He was released after being kept five hours in illegal and unwarranted custody. The Pakistani authorities asked us to withdraw Shri Wahi from Islamabad on the allegation that he was indulging in activities incompatible with his official status. This allegation was completely